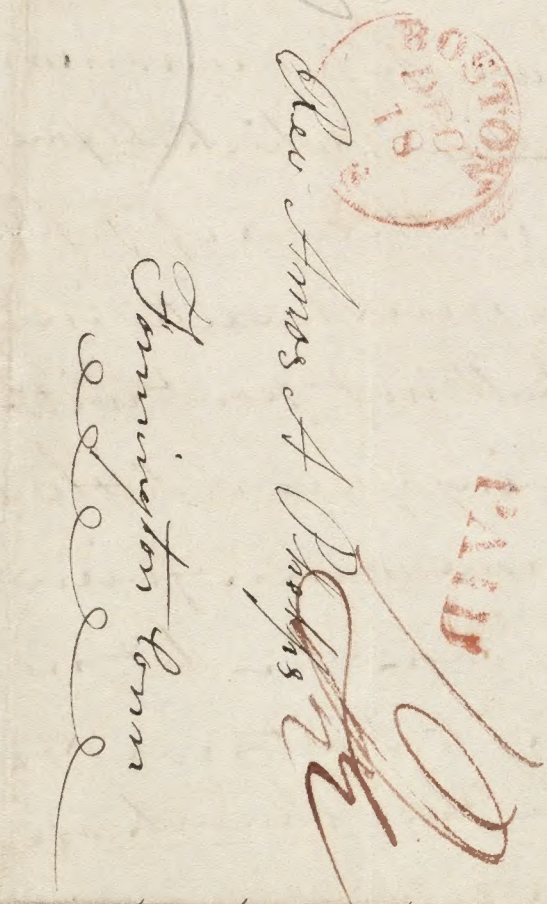
you arrive here and after consulting our committee will decide on the best course, We must have you and that is enough — I was sorry to have you send the $ but as I expect to have an opportunity to return it will wait until I see you.



We send you the ~~enclosed~~ assurances of of our high esteem and christian affection also to Mrs Phelps.
Pleas write Me as soon as you get this and let us know if we may hope to see you next week
A thousand things ought to be done before New Year in regard to the Spectator - Pleas excuse this enclosed epistle from yours Sincere & Devoted Friend L C Fuller

P S You will see that I have given your sentiments of the pictures I think the Jury will have you appointed and we can arrange all things when you arrive.

Tuesday Evening come and a full meeting assembled but
the Rev did not come until late a nomination was
made for chairman and as no one could be found willing
I was constrained to take the chair. Mr B. came up and he
being found a Free Mason it was soon found he would
not answer for the Free Church and was laid by quietly
After some unimportant Items being disposed of I gave
the chair to Brother Frost - and made a motion which
after a short time was passed unanimously being
seconded by Rev Gulliver, which before this is before
you. My object in in this was if possible to harmonize
and allay the feelings already much excited in opposition. and
am sure that we shall not part with you although
our time for engaging you is little better than none
- You never had more warm friends than now
in Boston, and My Dear Sir let nothing hinder
you from coming to Boston as soon as Possible
As the fate of the Free Church and the triumph
of our principles depend on your decision -
We are not limited in regard to your compensation
& I think you will not find us ungenerous. If Possible
come next week and bring your family In regard
to the N. E. Association we shall go on as about sixty
shares are taken. A committee of five were chosen
to send for you even if the Church had not called your
they will probably defer their communication until

remarks relating to the natives on the Sabbath day ~~xxxxx~~
and seemed to attempt to show that you did not read the Notices
he had intended to have read- I immediately called for the
reading of both notices then in his hand- he read them
I then gave the explonation and all saw at once very clear
by that reading both notices would be nearly a repetition
I then made some remarks stating my determination
to stand by and hoped that nothing would be done to
mar the good fellowship of our feeble Church
that I was not satisfied for one that the committee
for supplying the Pulpit had done their duty and gave
notice that on Tuesday evening I should call for their
report. This seemed to raise the unballanced feelings
of our Zealous Chairman and ran three times he
attempted to put me down by declaring me out of
order. I appealed to the Church and proceeded until I
had finished my remarks- This attempt to put down
about finished his opposition. making him quite
ashamed as he confessed before he left- He confessed
to several of the Brethren that he was ashamed of
his treatment to me. After this an effort was made
to elect Mr Elections for Rev M Boston of Concord and some were
quite encouraged to believe that he could be elected but
to their sad disapointment at the moment they were
hopes were highest they found out that he had an
Entered Apprentices Profane oath Hitched to Him
Which quite discouraged the most Sanguine

(Confidential)

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Boston Thursday
Evening Dec 17 – 1835

John E. Fuller.

Rev and very dear Sir

Feeling a strong desire to communicate as briefly as possibly I attempt to give you such information as you may desire to possess in relation to the movements of the Free Church since you left. The Tuesday evening after you left I had intended to have been present and brought the subject of the conduct of our committee for supplying the Pulpit fairly before the ~~th~~ but was prevented by indisposition. and nothing was done but talk a Bro Gulliver, Porter and a few of that much influence seemed desirous of diverting the minds of your true friends from their determination to persevere ~~lost~~ to no effect an expression of opinion was called for and two thirds of all present were found to persevere in electing your Pastor Natwith standing they were repeatedly assured that your would not accept ~~the~~ if elected – The evening was thrown away and nothing done but adjourn for one week. At our Friday evening I was present and after our devotional exercises Bro G made some

P.S. You will see that I have given your brethren your reply to the petitioners and which he will read on Sunday evening next.